Presidential Biography List - featuring past presidents of the U.S.
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P.S. Some of the books (e.g. The Quartet, War of the Roosevelts, Impeachment) focus on more than one president but are only listed once.

1. His Excellency: George Washington (Ellis)
   First Entrepreneur, How George Washington Built His and the Nation’s Prosperity (Lengel)
   The First Conspiracy–The Secret Plan to Kill George Washington (Meltzer)

2. John Adams (McCullough)

3. Thomas Jefferson: the Art of Power (Meachem)
   Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History (Kilmead)
   America’s Jefferson (Fenster)
   Thomas Jefferson’s Education (Taylor)

4. James Madison: A Biography (Ketcham)
   The Quartet (Ellis)
   The Price of Greatness–Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and the Creation of American Oligarchy (Cost)

5. The Last Founding Father: James Monroe and a Nation’s Call to Greatness (Unger)

6. John Quincy Adams (Unger)

7. Andrew Jackson–American Lion (Meacham)
   Andrew Jackson–Miracle of New Orleans (Kilmead)
   Avenging the People: Andrew Jackson, The Rule of Law and the American Nation (Opal)

8. Martin Van Buren (Widmer)

9. William Henry Harrison (Collins)

10. John Tyler (May)
    The Accidental Presidents (Cohen)

11. A Country of Vast Designs–James Polk (Merry)

12. Zachary Taylor (John S.D. Eisenhower)

13. Millard Fillmore (Finkelman)

14. The Expatriation of Franklin Pierce (Boulard)

15. James Buchanan (Baker)
    Worst. President. Ever. (Strauss)
16. Team of Rivals (Goodwin)
   The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln (Carter)
   Killing Lincoln (O'Reilly)
   Lincoln and the Abolitionists (Kaplan)
   Six Encounters with Lincoln (Pryor)
   Becoming Abraham Lincoln—The Coming of Age of Our Greatest President (Kigel)
   Lincoln’s Last Trial—the Murder Case that Propelled Him to the Presidency (Abrams)

17. History of the Impeachment of Andrew Johnson (Ross)
   The Impeachers (Wineapple)
   Impeachment (Meachem, et al)

18. Ulysses S. Grant in War and Peace (Brands)
   American Ulysses (White)
   The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant (Kahan)

19. Fraud of the Century: Rutherford B. Hayes, Samuel Tilden, and the Stolen Election of 1876 (Morris)
   Grant (Chernow)


21. Chester Alan Arthur (Karabell)
   The Unexpected President—The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur (Greenberger)

22. Grover Cleveland (Graff)

23. A Compilation of Messages and Papers of the President - Benjamin Harrison

24. Grover Cleveland (Graff)

25. The President and the Assassin: McKinley, Terror, and Empire at the Dawn of the American Century (Miller)
   President McKinley, Architect of the American Century (Merry)

26. Theodore Rex (Morris)
   Theodore Roosevelt (Autobiography)
   The Bully Pulpit (Goodwin)
   The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt’s Darkest Journey (Millard)
   Forging a President—How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt (Hazelgrove)
   The War of the Roosevelts (Mann)
   Theodore Roosevelt for the Defense (Abrams)

27. The Tea Party President - William Howard Taft (Charles Stanfield Davis)

28. Woodrow Wilson (Brands)
   The Moralist—Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made (O'Toole)
   Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait—Woodrow Wilson and the Fight for the Right to Vote (Cassidy)

29. Warren Harding (Dean)
   The President’s Daughter (Britton)

30. Calvin Coolidge, Man from Vermont (Fuess)
31. **Herbert Hoover** (Leuchtenburg)  
   *Herbert Hoover in the White House* (Rapleyea)

32. **Traitor to His Class–FDR** (Brands)  
   *War of the Roosevelts* (Mann)  
   *His Final Battle* (Lelyveld)  
   *Commander in Chief* (Hamilton)  
   *The Last 100 Days–FDR at War and Peace* (Woolner)  
   *No Ordinary Time* (Goodwin)  
   *The Washington War* (Lacey)

33. **Citizen Soldier–Harry Truman** (Donald)  
   *The General and the President* (Brands)

34. **Eisenhower: Soldier and President** (Ambrose)  
   *Eisenhower, In War and Peace* (Smith)  
   *Ike and McCarthy* (Nichols)  
   *The Age of Eisenhower, America and the World in the 1950s* (Hitchcock)  
   *Ike’s Bluff–President Eisenhower’s Secret Plan to Save the World* (Thomas)

35. **Kennedy** (Sorensen)

36. **Johnson: The Path to Power–LBJ** (Caro)  
   *The Passage of Power* (Caro)  
   *Building the Great Society–Inside Lyndon Johnson’s White House* (Zeitz)

37. **The Conviction of Richard Nixon** (Reston)  
   *Nixon, the Triumph of a Politician* (Ambrose)

38. **Write It When I’m Gone–Ford** (DeFrank)

39. **Jimmy Carter** (Zelizer)  
   *President Carter–the White House Years* (Eizenstat)

40. **Dutch–Reagan** (Morris)  
   *Ronald Reagan* (Sutherland)  
   *Reagan, An American Journey* (Spitz)

41. **George Herbert Walker Bush** (Wicker)  
   *Destiny and Power* (Meachem)

42. **First in His Class** (Bill Clinton)  
   *My Life* (Autobiography)

43. **Decision Points–George W. Bush** (Autobiography)

44. **The Bridge–Barack Obama** (Remnick)